GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:178
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2015
Development of NHs
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria/norms laid down for construction, development and maintenance of the National Highways (NHs);

(b) the length of NHs constructed/ proposed to be constructed including the funds allocated/utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of proposals received/approved/pending from various States for development of NHs projects along with expenditure incurred on these projects during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to construct new NHs in various parts of the country including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and if so, the details thereof along with the length and stretch to be covered State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether construction/development of a large number of the National Highway projects are running behind schedule, if so, the details of such projects, running behind the schedule, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor including the steps taken by the Government to expedite these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 178 ANSWERED ON 10.12.2015 ASKED BY SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL AND SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF NHS

(a) The construction, development and maintenance of NHs is done as per IRC guidelines and Ministry's specifications.

(b) The target for NH construction for year 2015-16 is 10950 km, for country as a whole, no State-wise targets have been fixed. The State /UT-wise details of length of NHs constructed during each of the last three year are at Annexure-I. The State /UT-wise details of funds allocated/utilized for development of NHs during each of the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-II.

(c) The details of proposals received and sanctioned from various States for development of NHs projects are enclosed as Annexure −III. Proposals which are not sanctioned retuned to respective State/UT unapproved.

(d) The details of the highways proposed to be constructed under the various schemes of the ministry including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during 2015-16 are enclosed at Annexure-IV.

(e) The details of NH projects running behind schedule are at Annexure-V. Projects are delayed due to various reasons such as Land Acquisition, Utility shifting, Non availability of Soil/Aggregates, Poor performance of contractors, Environment/ Forest/Wildlife Clearance, Rail Over Bridge (ROB) & Railway Under Bridge (RUB) issue with Railways, Public agitation demanding for additional facilities, Arbitration/contractual disputes with contractors, etc. To expedite completion of projects various steps have been taken which include streamlining of land acquisition, streamlining of environment clearances, exit for equity investors, premium re-schedulement, securitization of road sector loans, close coordination with other Ministries, revamping of dispute resolution mechanism, frequent reviews at Minister levels, etc.